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(e) A direct answer cannot be given as circumstances vary in each area, the experiments with the portable saw mills have been inaugurated with a view to finding the answer to this question and it cannot therefore be answered until these experiments are completed.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the profit shown in the statement which is printed as appendix, may I enquire whether it is a fact that these profits are deficient in this way? The Forest department sells timber at a rate which is below the market price . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is arguing the point."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether it is a fact that the profits are shown by the Forest department by selling the forest produce . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is asking for an opinion."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" With reference to Annexure B of Appendix II stating that the expenditure is Rs. 27,900 and the receipt is Rs. 81,000, may I know whether that is the money realized by the sale of timber? I should like to know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether this money could not have been realized by selling timber to the local saw mill that is there, whether the Government would not have realized the same amount of money shown there as money accrued to the Government by the sale of timber that is cut by this saw mill, when the expenditure for cutting the timber comes to Rs. 27,900? Are the Government aware that there is a local mill that is prepared to buy this timber? May I know if the Government cannot sell the timber without cutting it, so that the Government can realize more money?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am not able to follow my hon. Friend's question."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the hon. Member is aware that a private saw mill applied to the Government for help on condition that they would take over all the timber which the Government can send to it from the Government mills?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am not aware, Sir."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether it is not a fact that the Forest department sells timber to the saw mills at the rate of about 10 annas per cubic foot, whereas they can get much more in the market, viz., Rs. 2-8-0?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Alleged memorials from Forest Rangers for increase of pay.

*1706 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any action has been taken on the memorial submitted to the Government by forest rangers for increase of pay referred to in question No. 250 answered on 8th September 1928; and

(b) if so, what it is?

A.—(a) & (b) The matter is still under consideration.